

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Mayor read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Keenan led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN – PRESENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT TINA LOMANNO – PRESENT
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN – ABSENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
ERIC RISO, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lomanno motioned to open the public portion on agenda items only. Hartman seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

No comments from the public were made.

Gilligan motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

- HONORING STRATFORD SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS – Councilwoman Hall read the proclamation honoring Stratford School Crossing Guards for their continued service ensuring the safety of the youths of the community.

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY Councilman Frank Hartman read the report as follows:

Total number of properties inspected: 64
Pending issues from the previous month: 16
12 of the pending issues abated
Total number of violations found: 46
Warning letters issued to property owners: 28
Citations issued: 12
Submitted by Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

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FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilman Patrick Gilligan read the report as follows:

Balance as of 8-1-19 – \$794,977.94
Total Receipts – \$3,420,180.42
Total Disbursements – \$2,235,066.23
Balance as of 8-31-19 – \$1,980,092.13
Total in other Funds - \$2,263,866.67

POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the report as follows:

28 Adult arrests,
0 Juvenile arrests,
0 assaults to police,
6 Simple assaults Complaints,
3 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
11 Harassment complaints,
105 Other investigations and complaints,
0 burglaries,
2 robberies,
11 thefts in the amount of \$5,125.00,
\$3,100.00 in stolen property recovered,
0 motor vehicle thefts,
8 D.W.I. arrests,
8 Narcotics arrests,
518 Traffic summonses issued,
32 Motor vehicle accidents,
12 injuries from accidents, including 1 cyclist
34 Alarm activations,

86 Total crime reports taken
681 total calls for police service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Frank Hartman read portions of the following reports:

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 30 Alarms 2 Drills in the month August 2019. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

Dwelling Fires	0
Building Fires	0
Investigations	1
Out of Town Assists	9
Alarm Systems	9
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	2
Car Fires	1
Wires, Trees Down	2
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	5
Brush Fires	1
Drills	2

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 518
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

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Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **119 Alarms** in the month of **August 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	1	17
2. Bleeding	2	36
3. Cardiac	7	66
4. CVA	4	24
5. Diabetic	2	12
6. Fall	15	96
7. Fire Call	2	21
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	1	3
10. Medical Emergency	29	258
11. Medical Alarm	2	16
12. MVA	12	76
13. Overdose	1	13
14. Ped/MVA	1	8
15. Psych. Emergency	7	56
16. Respiratory	15	95
17. Seizures	2	18
18. Sick Person	1	28
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	15	73

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 797

Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **13 Alarms** in the month of **July 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Volunteer	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	1	1
2. Bleeding	0	7
3. Cardiac	1	9
4. CVA	1	1
5. Diabetic	1	1
6. Fall	0	9
7. Fire Call	2	8
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	2	23
11. Medical Alarm	0	2
12. MVA	1	14
13. Overdose	0	2
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	3	16
16. Respiratory	0	9
17. Seizures	0	5
18. Sick Person	0	4
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	1	4

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Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 115

Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING Councilman Tom Collins read the reports as follows:

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service: 15
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Sewer line maintenance performed: N/A
- Work requests performed:
 - Performed maintenance in sewer department, library, and senior center to bring buildings up to state fire code
 - Replaced burnt out lightbulbs in police station patrol room
 - Repainted various crosswalks around the Borough
 - Assisted the Public Works Supervisor in yard waste collection
 - Cleared storm drains throughout the Borough on August 22nd
- Regular maintenance activities performed include:
 - Weekly trash pickup and cleanup at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Ave. ball fields
 - Bi-weekly town wide metal/appliance collection

Public Works

- Yard waste pick up four times for the month
- Chipper two times for the month
- Cutting of schools, Sterling Arms, and railroad
- Cutting of parks, ballfields, and all other borough properties
- Removal of signs nailed to the poles on corners
- Metal pick up
- Ran whole town for pothole repair
- Trimming of bushes at Sterling Arms
- Cut down tree on Eleanor Ave.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Hall announced that the first Little Miss Stratford will be hosted during in October 19th at Yellin School. Participants will be between the ages of 5-9 years old. Flyers will be sent out via the Stratford School District, as well as John Paul. Additionally, the Halloween Parade will start at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th. Information for the events will go out on website and Channel 19.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ORDINANCE 2019:17 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.20, ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL COURT,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

Hartman motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:17. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

No comments were made from the public.

Gilligan motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:17. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

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Hartman motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:17. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

o ORDINANCE 2019:18 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019:15 ESTABLISHING SALARIES

Hartman motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:18. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

No comments were made from the public.

Collins motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:18. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Hartman motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:18. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

o RES. 2019:199 – AWARD FY 2019 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROJECT RESURFACING OF EVERGREEN ROAD

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received bids for the FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project (Resurfacing of Evergreen Road – Phase I); and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid is from Landberg Construction, LLC in the amount of Base Bid \$(154,367.00), Alternate Bid #1 \$(17,766.55), Alternate Bid #2 \$(24,181.50), Total \$(196,315.05); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the bid documents and consulted with the Municipal CFO and has concluded to recommend the award to the low bidder; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has provided the Certification of Funds document; and

WHEREAS, the award of said bid is contingent upon the approval of the Borough Solicitor’s review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the award of the bid for the FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project to Landberg Construction, LLC, 82 Tuckahoe Road, Dorothy, NJ 08317 in the amount of \$196,315.05.

Gilligan motioned to approve the resolution. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1822	through	1824		
Manual checks	19913	through	19917		
Payroll checks	51163	through	51166	and	51237
Automated checks	33501	through	33578		

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Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments
to Atlantic City Electric, South Jersey Gas, UGI, Constellation Energy, and
Purchase Power

Hartman motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Lomanno seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Collins – None
- Councilwoman Hall – None
- Councilman Hartman – None
- Councilwoman Lomanno – None
- Councilman Gilligan – None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Hartman motioned to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

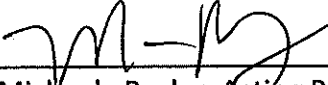
- Donna Tomkinson – 112 Wellington Ave. – Suggested having a traffic light at the intersection of White Horse Pike and Broadway.
- Joe Hahn – Buttonwood Rd. – Asked if participants of Little Miss Stratford have to go to school at either Parkview or John Paul. Question about the swim club event. Suggested tax rebates for homeowners on Homestead Road whose property backs up to the Laurel Mills redevelopment site.
- Rosie Simpkins – Yale Ave. – Announced October 19th there will be an open house at the Quaker Store hosted by the Stratford Historical Commission
- Tom Speer – 8 College Circle – Questioned if/when the HOA and COA documents for Laurel Mills would be available to members of the public. Questioned what the next step of the redevelopment site is. Questioned if the site plan is in compliance with the redevelopment plan.

Collins motioned to close the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.


ADJOURN:

Lomanno motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk



Mayor Josh Keenan